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HECKMONDWIKE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

(As at December 31st, 1955)

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THE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE HECKMONDWIKE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1955.

As in previous years this report includes details of services provided in the District by the Local Health Authority (West Riding County Council).

The vital statistics of the District show little change from the previous year, although there is a slight rise in the birth rate. The number of infant deaths is the same as last year, but this year both of these were due to causes which at present are unpreventable. It is not too much to hope that some day in the near future our Infant Mortality rate will be Nil. There is also no significant change in the proportions of the various causes of death or in the ages.

There was no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year, although cases of Poliomyelitis, Paratyphoid Fever and Food Poisoning were notified. The three cases of Poliomyelitis were no doubt part of the wide-spread occurrence of this disease throughout the County.

The services provided by the Local Health Authority continued to operate satisfactorily. There is still a considerable demand for hospital and maternity home accommodation by expectant mothers. Sixty-eight per cent. of all notified births occurred in these institutions.

In October the new clinic premises at the "Hollies," Cemetery Road, were brought into use, in place of the rather cramped accommodation at Greenside which had served the district for 11 years. The new premises have a slight disadvantage in being away from the centre of the town, but this is offset by the increased accommodation and the fact that the new situation is more convenient for children attending from schools. The accommodation on the first floor of this house provides a Dental Clinic and as a School Dental Officer has been appointed to this area, a service of Dental Inspection and treatment is now available for school children in Heckmondwike after an interval of 10 years. Also on the first floor is a self-contained flat providing accommodation for the Home-Nurse of this District.

In August Miss E. Worthington retired from the post of Health Visitor after 11 years valuable service to the mothers and children of the district. She has been succeeded by Miss E. Day.

In the work of the Home-Nursing Service an increasing number of Nurse's visits are being made to give injections for such conditions as Diabetes, Anæmia and in the use of Antibiotics in treatment. In many cases the Nurse gives general nursing care as well, but in other cases, such as in elderly Diabetic patients, frequent or

even daily visits are paid for the purpose of injection only. This is one result of an increased tendency, in recent years, to use this method of administering drugs.

The number of cases provided with domestic help showed a small increase during the year and much the largest part of this service is devoted to aged persons.

In spite of the shortened hours of opening and the changed conditions of admission, the Day Nursery continued to receive children. One interesting feature of its work being the regularity of attendance of these children admitted. The average attendance throughout the year being 79%.

Mental Health has now become one of the major sub-divisions of the personal health services. The Social Worker has a steadily increasing amount of work to do in the supervision of mental defectives; leaving perhaps all too little time to devote to the social welfare of patients requiring "after-care" on discharge from Mental Hospitals.

The Housing, Rents and Repairs Act of last year has provided the most notable work in the Sanitary Department during the year, in connection with applications for certificates of disrepair and improvement grants. All of the latter have been from owners or occupiers. A Clearance Order has also been made involving 18 houses in Upper Beauregard Street as a first step in the removal of unfit houses in the town.

A considerable amount of the Sanitary Inspector's time is being devoted to Food Hygiene and the number of visits paid to food premises has been increased. In addition to this, special attention has been paid to food stalls in the Market. Samples of Ice-Cream are tested through the year and the results are used to assess the standard of hygiene in production and distribution. These results showed a slight improvement on last year. Special attention has recently been paid throughout the country to various forms of processed egg used in the confectionery trade, as tests on samples of this substance have shown the presence of food-poisoning organisms. The Sanitary Inspector reports on one such test in this district, which was positive, but no actual illness was attributed to this stock.

I am once more indebted to Mr. J. Clark, the Council's Sanitary Inspector for compiling the sections dealing with Sanitary Services, Housing, and refuse collection and disposal. I have also to thank Miss K. Lister, Chief Clerk, in the Divisional Health Office for her assistance in the production of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. CAITHNESS,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer— West Riding C.C.—

J. F. CAITHNESS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare—

*FREDA M. COX, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*DOREEN M. FISHER, M.B., Ch.B.

*AGNES M. MATHESON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
(Part-time. Commenced February, 1955.)

Sanitary Inspectors—

JAMES CLARK, M.S.I.A.

R. T. POLLARD, M.S.I.A.

Health Visitor and School Nurse—

*MISS ELSIE WORTHINGTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
(New Cert.)
(Retired August 16th, 1955.)

*Miss ETHEL DAY, S.R.N., H.V. (New Cert.)
(Transferred from Batley.)

District Nurse—

*MISS J. LEWIS, S.R.N.

District Midwife—

*MRS. E. SANDFORD, S.C.M.

Mental Health Social Worker (Part-time)—

*MRS. M. M. de la COUR.

Day Nursery—

*MRS. EDITH MAIR, S.R.N. (Matron)

*MISS MARGARET M. LARGEY, S.R.N. (Deputy Matron)

*1 WARDEN. *2 NURSERY NURSES.

* On the staff of the West Riding County Council.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in Acres)	...	...	...	...	696
Population (Census, 1951)	...	...	...	...	8,657
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate)	...	...	...	...	8,580
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	3,031
Number of separate families	...	...	...	...	3,150 (approx.)
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£52,548
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£208 2s. 7d.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS—The Net Live Births (55 Male, 61 Female) ... 116
The Birth Rate is therefore 13·5

STILL-BIRTHS—Number (1 Male, Nil Female) ... 1
Rate per 1,000 Total Births 8·5
Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population 0·1

DEATHS—Totalled (59 Male, 49 Female) ... 108
Giving a Death Rate of 12·6

MATERNAL MORTALITY—
No death was returned.

INFANTILE MORTALITY—
Deaths of Children under One Year number (1 Male
and 1 Female) ... 2
Giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of 17·2

DIARRHŒA UNDER TWO YEARS—1 Death was returned.

Comparative Figures—

Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population	England and Wales		Heckmondwike			
	1954	1955	1952	1953	1954	1955
Live Births	15·2	15·0	14·8	17·9	12·2	13·5
Deaths (all causes)	11·3	11·7	13·9	13·0	12·1	12·6
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Stillbirths:—						
Still Births	24·0	23·1	0·12	0·47	0·47	0·1
Rate per 1,000 Live Births—						
Infantile Mortality	25·5	24·9	31·5	13·0	19·0	17·2

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HECKMONDWIKE, 1955

Ages at Death

Causes of Death	Under 1 Month	1 month and under 6 months	6 months and under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	..	..	1
do other
Syphilitic disease
Diphtheria
Whooping Cough
Meningococcal infections
Acute Poliomyelitis
Measles
Other infective and parasitic diseases
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2
„ „ lung, bronchus	3	1	4
„ „ breast	1	..	1	2
„ „ uterus
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	1	5
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	1
Diabetes
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1	2	19	22
Coronary disease, Angina	4	19	23
Hypertension with heart disease	2	2
Other heart disease	1	4	15	20
Other circulatory disease	4	4
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	1	2	2	5
Other diseases of the respiratory system
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	..	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	..	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion
Congenital malformations	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other defined and illdefined diseases	2	3	1	6
Motor vehicle accidents
All other accidents	1	..	..	1
Suicide
Homicide and operations of War
TOTAL	1	1						8	26	72	108

Causes of Infant Deaths:-

Congenital Malformation 2

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL) DAY NURSERY

The Day Nursery, at Cemetery Road, has given excellent service throughout the year.

Accommodation is available for forty children. Staff includes Matron (Mrs. Mair, S.R.N.), Deputy Matron (Miss Largey, S.R.N.), Nurses, and Domestic Staff. Hours of duty 8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m., Weekdays.

Children are provided with milk about 9-30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mid-day dinner and a light snack in the early afternoon.

Training of the children is effected through their play activities and through their social contacts with each other.

Students are trained for the Nursery Nurses' Certificate under the County Council's Scheme of instruction.

ATTENDANCES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average Daily Attendance												
Under 2	4	4	6	5	6	5	5	4	6	8	9	7
Over 2	15	11	17	18	17	16	20	13	16	17	16	17
Number of												
Days Open	21	20	23	19	20	22	21	20	20	21	22	20

PROMOTION of CLEANLINESS and ELIMINATION of VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

Regular inspections are carried out in the schools by the Health Visitor, and advice given to the parents regarding cleansing.

A Special Hair Oil is now used for verminous conditions of the head due to lice and nits. Opportunity for re-infestation occurs most frequently during school vacations, and treatment was most successful where standards of maternal care were high.

HEALTH VISITING

1955

Number of Visits paid during the year by the Health Visitor:-

(a) To Expectant Mothers	...	...	...	30
(b) To Children under 1 year	...	...	...	333
(c) To Children 1 to 2 years	...	...	...	123
(d) To Children 2 to 5 years	...	...	...	223

School Nursing Duties

Visits to Schools	...	...	...	...	74
Visits to Homes	...	...	...	...	90

School Clinic

The West Riding County Council is the Administrative Authority in this Area for School Medical Services, including the School Clinic. The Medical Officer of Health attends weekly for consultation.

Number of Scholars who attend the Clinic ...	223
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Infant Welfare Centre

Total number of attendances during the year by children who at the date of attendance were:-

Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	1,350
1 but under 2 years	...	...	...	...	217
2 but under 5 years	...	...	...	...	414

Total number of children who attended the Centre for the first time during the year, and who on the date of their first attendance were:-

Under 1 year	110
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Total number of children attending the Centre during the year and who were born in:-

1955	...	...	...	...	...	95
1954	...	...	...	...	...	74
1953-1950	...	...	...	...	...	187

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Domestic Helps are provided, as the supply of personnel allows, for all types of sickness in the home, but absolute priority is given to Maternity Cases. As the service is controlled on a Divisional Basis, Domestic Helps resident outside Heckmondwike have been available for duty within the District.

Total No. of Home Help Cases in Heck-

mondwike in 1955	...	...	...	...	64	(58)
Maternity	...	...	...	...	9	(10)
Non-maternity	...	...	...	...	55	(48)
Total No. of hours	...	...	...	...	10,654½	(8,874¾)
Maternity	...	...	...	...	539	(837¾)
Non-maternity	...	...	...	...	10,115½	(8,037)
Total No. of Home Helps employed	...	...	...	...	17	(19)
Resident in Heckmondwike	...	...	...	...	11	(13)
Non-resident in Heckmondwike	...	...	...	...	6	(6)

The figures in brackets refer to the previous year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is provided by the West Riding County Council under the terms of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC

This Clinic has been held once every alternate week throughout the year. The Medical Officer in attendance is Dr. Agnes M. Matheson, who is assisted by Mrs. E. Sandford, District Midwife (on the staff of the West Riding County Council).

Total patients attending (including 7 carried forward from 1954)	25
Total attendances	54
Average attendance for patients	2.2

In some cases the patient was transferred to a clinic associated with a hospital or maternity home in the later stage of pregnancy.
Transfers:-

To Staincliffe Hospital	2
To Maternity Homes	—
Births:-	
Live	17
Still-births	1

Blood examination is carried out in all possible cases:-

Examinations	13
Rhesus Positive	12
Negative	1

Blood Groupings:-

Group O	6
Group A	7

MENTAL HEALTH

The services of the Mental Health Social Worker are shared by Health Division (No. 15 Batley and Heckmondwike) and Health Division No. 17 (Spenborough and Mirfield).

Mental Deficiency:-

	Male	Female
Placed under Statutory Supervision ...	2	1
Visits to cases under Statutory Supervision	215	190
Visits to cases under Voluntary Supervision	15	Nil
Reports furnished to Institutions ...	10	2

Mental Treatment:-

Discharged from Hospital	1	7
Visits paid	49	61
Reports furnished to Hospitals and Clinics	2	Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SANITARY

INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

The area is supplied with water by the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Board. The water is moorland surface water supplied direct from the mains to each house in the area, and during the year has been sufficient in quantity. The reports on samples of water submitted by the Engineer to the Board show the following results:-

	No. of Samples taken	Number	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Raw Water	12	7	5
Treated Water (going into supply)	161	152	9

Samples of water taken by the Department during the year—

Bacteriological ... 9 samples taken from the mains supply to dwellinghouses. ALL SATISFACTORY.

Plumbo-solvency 4 samples taken (2 after standing in the pipe overnight and 2 after standing in the pipe for a measured period of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour) NO LEAD CONTENT.

Nine visits have been made in connection with water supply to dwellinghouses.

Sewerage and Drainage

There has been no extension of existing sewers, and no alterations at the sewage disposal works during the year.

In connection with nuisances arising from defective drains and drainage appliances—

36	Informal Notices have been served,	
34	„ „ have been complied with,	
and		
2	Statutory Notices have been served, and	
5	„ „ have been complied with.	

For the purpose of investigating nuisances arising from drainage defects, and for the inspection and testing of drains 109 visits have been made.

Closet Accommodation

During the year 27 water closets have been constructed in connection with new property, and 33 additional closets have been provided for existing properties as follows:-

Dwellinghouses	...	...	...	...	17
Factories	...	...	...	...	16
Defects or nuisances in connection with					
closet accommodation—Found	...				28
				Remedied	26
Informal Notices served		14
„ „ complied with			...		15

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	...	44
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The comparatively few complaints received during the year were in respect of structural defects, choked drains and defective water closets, and reference to action taken is made in sections of this report dealing with “Sewerage and Drainage,” “Closet Accommodation” and “Housing.”

Control of Infestation

No evidence of bed bug infestation has been found during routine inspection of dwellinghouses. Four visits have been made in consequence of advice sought in respect of insect pests but no serious infestation has been found.

Rodent Control

The following is a report of the Rodent Control Work carried out during the year ended the 31st March, 1956:-

	Local Auth- ority	Dwell- ing houses	Agri- cul- tural	All other (including business premises)	TOTAL
Number of properties in- spected as a result of:—					
(a) Notification	1	25	—	14	40
(b) Survey under Act	2	11	8	25	46
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when vis- ited primarily for some other purpose)	—	145	—	140	285
Total inspections carried out—including re-insp'ns.	5	187	8	198	398
Number of properties which were found to be infested by (a) Rats—Major	1	—	2	7	10
Minor	2	10	2	8	22
(b) Mice —Major	—	—	—	1	1
Minor	—	15	—	2	17
Number of infested proper- ties treated by Local Auth- ority	3	25	1	18	47
Total treatments carried out— including re-treatments	3	27	1	20	51
Number of “Block” control schemes carried out					2

Structural work was carried out following the service of informal notices in respect of three premises.

Sewer Infestation

Four maintenance treatments of sewer manholes have been carried out at three monthly intervals using direct poison method. At the Test Bait carried out at the end of the year takes were recorded at 66 manholes which, although an increase on the number (55) recorded last year, shows the sewer infestation to be confined to the central area and certain branches in outlying districts.

Smoke Abatement

Two observations, each of thirty minutes' duration, were made of factory chimneys in the District. No excessive emission of black smoke or nuisance was noted.

Smokeless fuel burning grates are installed in all houses erected by the Council but it would still appear that bituminous coal is burned in practically all cases.

Moveable Dwellings

No caravan has been stationed in the District during the year.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

The following Tables give the prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

Part 1 of the Act

(1) INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	12	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which S.7 is enforced by Local Authority.	90	104	6	—
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	7	4	—	—
TOTAL	109	116	6	—

(2) Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			Referred		
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	6	6	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	4	2	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or def.	20	16	—	2	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	30	24	—	2	—

Means of Escape in Case of Fire

Ten visits were made to factories in connection with the adequacy of means of escape in case of fire.

One New Certificate was issued in this connection.

Inspection of Shops

Fifty-three inspections have been made of shops in connection with the health provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and in one case informal notice was given in respect of unsuitable washing facilities and facilities for meals.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Refuse collection is in operation throughout the whole of the District, two refuse vehicles of 7 cu. yard capacity being used.

The Staff employed comprises:-

- 2 Driver/Loaders
- 5 Loaders
- 1 Part-time Tip Attendant
(with mechanical aid)
- 1 Part-time Paper Baler

The average frequency of collection throughout the District was once in every 9 days.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on land situate at the Sewage Works.

Number of dustbins in use ...	...	...	...	3,180
Number of ashpits in use ...	...	...	...	45
			T. C. Q.	lbs.
Total weight of refuse collected ...	2,030	4	0	0
Average weight of refuse per house	0	13	2	0

The net cost of the collection and disposal of refuse amounts to £3,450 giving a cost of:-

£1	2s.	10d.	per house
£401	2s.	10d.	per thousand population
£1	14s.	0d.	per ton

The following is a summary of salvage collected and sold during the year:-

			T.	C.	Q.
Mixed Waste Paper	...	...	85	10	0
Light Scrap	...	...	7	7	0

The value of salvage materials sold £701 11s. 7d.

No uncommon difficulty has been experienced during the year in connection with labour, the number of man hours lost being as follows:-

Sickness	...	...	...	...	1,682½
Absenteeism	...	...	...	...	31½

In addition to the above, the Department has worked short of establishment for 13 weeks by reason of vacancies.

In connection with arrangements for refuse collection and salvage 202 visits were made.

During the year 284 visits were made regarding storage accommodation for refuse, and in this connection

91 Informal Notices, and

1 Statutory Notice was served,

and

91 Informal Notices, and

2 Statutory Notices were complied with.

Number of defective distbins replaced	...	...	101
Number of additional dustbins provided	...	...	34

HOUSING

Overcrowding

	Dwellings	Families	Persons
Number of cases of overcrowding at end of 1954	43	50	234
Number of new cases of Overcrowding reported during 1955	6	9	30
Number of cases of Overcrowding relieved during 1955	10	15	48
Number of cases of overcrowding at end of 1955	39	43	216

Erection of Houses

During the year 27 new dwellinghouses, made up as follows, were completed and occupied:-

LOCAL AUTHORITY—

Traditional type (2 bedrooms)	4
Traditional type (3 bedrooms)	18

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE—

Traditional type	5
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Re-housing

The number of houses let by the Council during the year was 30, and the number of persons re-housed was 131.

During the year four exchanges between Council Estate houses and privately owned houses have been authorised.

Demand for Houses

During the year the number of registered applicants for Council houses decreased from 248 to 234. The list of applicants can be classified as follows:-

I. Applicants resident in Heckmondwike:-

(a) having separate homes, with		
(i) insufficient accommodation ... ..	...	80
(ii) sufficient accommodation ... ..	...	41
(b) sharing homes, with		
(i) insufficient accommodation ... ..	...	10
(ii) sufficient accommodation ... ..	...	4

II.	Applicants resident outside Heckmondwike:-	
	(a) having separate homes, with	
	(i) insufficient accommodation	41
	(ii) sufficient accommodation	42
	(b) sharing homes, with	
	(i) insufficient accommodation	6
	(ii) sufficient accommodation	4
III.	Applications from unmarried couples wishing to set up homes	6
IV.	Applicants for aged persons' dwellings	44

Supervision of Existing Housing Accommodation

I.	Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year:-	
1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	177
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	385
2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations	103
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	103
3.	Number of dwellinghouses needing further action:-	
	(a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	46
	(b) Number (excluding those in sub-head 3(a) above) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	95
II.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-	
	(a) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	3
	(b) Number of defective dwellinghouses (excluding those shown in (a) above) in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action	79

III. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

1. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936:-

(i) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring repair	2
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—	
(a) by owners	2
(b) by local authority in default of owner	1

2. Proceedings under Public Health Act:-

(i) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
(a) by owners	1
(b) by local authority in default of owner	—

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(i) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwellinghouses unfit for habitation	5
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	5
(iii) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	25
(iv) Action under Sections 10 and 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953	—

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

5. Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(i)	Number of Clearance Areas represented during year	1
(ii)	Number of houses included in these areas	18
(iii)	Number of persons to be displaced ...	54
(iv)	Action taken during the year in respect of Clearance Areas:-	
	(a) by Clearance Orders—number made	1
	(b) by Compulsory Purchase Orders—number made	—
(v)	Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished during the year	—
(vi)	Number of persons re-housed from houses demolished during the year	—

IV. Housing Act, 1949:-

Section 4—Advances for purpose of increasing housing accommodation	15
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V. Housing Act, 1949, as amended by Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

Number of grants made to persons other than local authorities for improvements of housing accommodation	6
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VI. Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

Section 26—Certificates of Disrepair—

(i)	Number of applications for certificates ...	4
(ii)	Number of certificates granted	4
(iii)	Number of certificates refused	—
(iv)	Number of applications for revocation of certificates	1
(v)	Number of revocation certificates granted	1

VII. Repair to Dwellinghouses:-

Summary of defects remedied—

Chimney pots fixed	...	...	...	...	2
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Chimney flashings repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Leaking roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	39
Defective eavesgutters repaired	...	...	...	...	29
Defective rainwater fallpipes repaired	...	...	...	...	11
Defective brickwork and/or pointing repaired	...	...	...	...	16
Defective paving repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Defective ceiling plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	8
Defective wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	11
Defective staircase repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Defective floorboards repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Defective flag floors repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Defective fireranges repaired	...	...	...	...	6
Defective chimney flues repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Defective window woodwork repaired	...	...	...	...	27
Broken sash cords to windows renewed	...	...	...	...	24
Defective door woodwork repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	8
Defective sinks replaced	...	...	...	...	4
Defective sink waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Defective and/or choked drains cleansed/repaired	...	...	...	...	29
Inspection chamber cover renewed	...	...	...	...	1
Percolation of water into cellar remedied	...	...	...	...	4
Defective water closet cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Burst water service pipes to w.c. cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	8
Broken water closet pedestals renewed	...	...	...	...	5
Defective soil ventilation pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Defective structures to water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	6
Ventilation to food pantry provided	...	...	...	...	1

Reasonable good response was made by owners to carry out repairs required by notice and no legal proceedings were necessary during the year.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials

Number of Licences issued for the Manufacture of Rag
Flock 1

Number of Premises registered for the use of filling
material for the purpose of Upholstering and the
Stuffing and/or Filling of Bedding 2

Two visits have been made in this connection.

Pet Shops

Number of Licences issued to keep Pet Shops ... 2

Two visits have been made in this connection.

Hairdressers and Barbers

Section 120 of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, requiring the registration of hairdressers and barbers and their premises to be registered, is in force in the District. Byelaws under the provisions of this section of the Act have been made.

Number of businesses and premises registered ... 12

Four inspections have been made.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Premises

The following list shows the recorded number of food premises in the District:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Confectioners—Flour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Mixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Tripe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Catering—Cafe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Wholesale Food Warehouses and Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Tripe and Edible Fat Manufacture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meat Product Manufacture (not included in “ Butchers ”)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Market Food Stalls—Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Flour Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sugar Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Meat and Preserved Food

Since the decontrol of meat last year supplies to the town have been maintained—the whole of the meat coming from slaughtering establishments in adjoining districts.

One slaughterhouse in the District was licensed but no slaughtering was carried out on the premises during the year.

Number of premises used for the preparation of preserved food and registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938	...	...	26
Number of inspections of registered premises	...	...	39
Number of inspections of butchers' shops	26

Milk

Number of Registered Distributors of Milk	...	39
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Seventeen visits have been made to milk shops, and four visits made in connection with milk retail other than from shops.

DESIGNATED MILK

(a) Licences: Tuberculin Tested—Dealers	...	2
	Supplementary	14
Pasteurised Dealers	...	2
	Supplementary	15
Sterilised Dealers	...	35
	Supplementary	5

(b) Samples obtained:

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
T.T. (Pasteurised) ...	4	—
Pasteurised	4	—
Sterilised	3	—

The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1954, is in force in the District.

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the Sale of
Ice Cream 37 (34)

Samples obtained:

The graded results of samples of ice cream taken and submitted for examination by the Methylene Blue Reduction Test are as follows:-

Total number of samples taken 31 (28)

Results:-

Grade 1	16 (15)
Grade 2	7 (3)
Grade 3	5 (7)
Grade 4	3 (3)

(The figures in brackets relate to the previous year.)

The above samples were obtained from 10 different sources and on the basis of series examination samples obtained from three sources (manufactured outside the District) were unsatisfactory. Information relating to the unsatisfactory samples was forwarded to the Sanitary Inspectors of the Districts concerned.

In addition to visits made for the purpose of taking samples of ice cream 20 visits have been made in connection with the sale of ice cream.

Inspection of Food Premises

The following is a summary of inspections made of food premises:-

Bakehouses	17
Meat Shops	26
Food Preparing Premises	39
General Food Shops	124
Cafe Kitchens	5
Canteens	8
Licensed Premises	16

Handling and Distribution of Food

Byelaws with respect to the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and the sale of food in the open air, are in operation within the District.

During the course of routine inspection of food premises the application of the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act and the Food Handling, etc. Byelaws are explained to occupiers, and in this connection 107 verbal cautions in respect of contraventions have been issued.

During the year 42 visits have been made to the Markets at which there are a number of food stalls. Market traders dealing in meat products and confectionery have provided portable covered counter fronts for the protection of food. Difficulty is still being experienced in persuading some traders in respect of the display of name and address, provision of means for washing hands and for the use of the refuse bins provided.

Food Inspection

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption, were surrendered and subsequently destroyed:-

Canned	Cooked Ham	...	...	...	...	157lb.
„	Ox Tongue	...	...	...	...	36lb.
„	Pork Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	...	12lb.
„	Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	2½lb.
„	Stewed Steak	...	...	...	...	9lb.
„	Soup	...	...	...	...	12lb.
„	Evaporated Milk	...	...	...	...	2lb.
„	Fish	...	...	...	...	3lb.
„	Peas	...	...	...	...	1½lb.
„	Baked Beans	...	...	...	...	1lb.
„	Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	42½lb.
„	Peaches	...	...	...	...	4lb.
„	Pineapples	...	...	...	...	1lb.
„	Oranges	...	...	...	...	1lb.
Packet	Suet	...	...	...	...	1lb.
„	Potato Crisps	...	...	...	...	26lb.
„	Cheese	...	...	...	...	207lb.
„	Egg Albumen	...	...	...	...	75½lb.

Six samples of dried egg albumen were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination—reports indicated that in two of the samples Salmonella group organisms were found. The whole of the stock from which these samples were taken were surrendered by the dealers concerned.

Unsound food surrendered is in the main disposed of by burying on the refuse tip, but in exceptional cases is disposed of, by arrangement, in an industrial boiler furnace.

Sanitary Inspection of the District (Summary)

The following is a summary of visits made during the year in connection with the sanitary inspection of the district:

	Number of Visits
Nuisances—Premises	27
Animals	2
Dust or Effluvia	4
Noise	7
Drains, etc.	40
Closets	67
Housing—Inspection of dwellinghouses	385
Overcrowding	131
Demolition	22
Re-housing	22
Other visits	101
Drainage—Inspection and Testing of drainage work ...	49
Refuse—Storage Accommodation	284
Collection and Disposal	202
Infectious Diseases	49
Water Supply	9
Rodent Control	439
Insect Infestation Control	4
Smoke Abatement—Observations	2
Visits to Premises	3
Food and Food Inspection—Visits for Food Inspection ...	20
Bakehouses	17
Meat Shops	26
Food Preparing Premises	39
General Food Shops	124
Cafe Kitchens	5
Canteens	8
Licensed Premises	16
Markets	42
Milk Shops	17
Milk Distribution	4
Ice Cream—Sale of	20
Sampling—Water	13
Milk	7
Ice Cream	31
Other Food	6

Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	116
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rag Flock Manufactory and Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hairdressers and Barbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary Conveniences—Public	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mortuary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Aged Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dangerous Buildings—Referred to Surveyor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Street gullies—Referred to Surveyor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sewers—Referred to Surveyor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Waste of Water—Referred to Water Engineer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Gas Leakages—Referred to Regional Gas Board	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous Visits, Interviews, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1185

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

From 1947 to 1955 notifications received in respect of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis) distributed as follows:

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Scarlet Fever	22	12	11	13	36	28	8	3
Whooping Cough	52	51	23	70	40	32	20	23
Diphtheria	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles	100	27	162	85	17	218	52	76
Acute Pneumonia	—	4	1	8	1	Nil	2	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	5	Nil	Nil	1	1	—	3
Polio Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	1	2	1	Nil	1	2	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	—	Nil	Nil	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	1	Nil	Nil	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	12	Nil	1	42	9	9
Para Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3

Scarlet Fever

All the cases were of a mild type. One case was removed to hospital.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

The following were immunised against Diphtheria during the year:—

93 children under school age.

9 school children.

60 children received a “reinforcing” injection.

Tuberculosis

New Cases				Male	Female	Total
Age group 5-15	...	...	—	2	2
Age group 35-45	...	...	1	—	1
Age group 45-55	...	...	2	—	2
Age group 55-65	...	...	—	1	1
					—	
					6	
					—	

No new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Cases of Tuberculosis

				PULM.		NON-PULM.	
				M	F	M	F
(a) No. on Register at commencement of year	...	...	...	19	14	6	5
(b) No. of cases notified for first time during year	...	...	...	3	2	—	1
(c) No. of cases restored to Register	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
(d) No. of cases removed from Register	3	—	—	—
(e) No. of cases remaining on Register	19	16	6	6

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